













A True Bill.

He was the manager of a church fair, and one morning he walked into the newspaper office and said: "Want an item this morning?" "Of course," replied the editor. Whereupon the visitor laid the following note upon the table: "The ladies of the street church will give a festival at their vestry hall next Friday evening. Literary and musical entertainments will be provided, and a supper will be served to all who may desire. The ladies in charge of the affair have much experience in such matters, and are sure to provide a good time. The admission will be only fifteen cents, and it is certain that no one can spend that amount to a better advantage. Be sure to come and take your friends."

When the editor had read it, he said: "Oh, I see, an advertisement."

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Tom Corwin and the Barbers.

Dr. Graham, in 1852, was the proprietor of the Harrodsburg (Ky.) Express. Since purchased by the Government, it has been a military post. It had a favorite negro named Pierce, who was the leader of the colored band, and who, when not in the hall-room or pavilion, walked about in his faded blue coat and gloves, and it is said, would seldom talk to a white man nor four-fifths white, and never to a negro. In the height of the season, when he looked upon the donor of a half a dollar, and only smiled when the eagle shone in gold, he ran away. Being educated he had no difficulty in writing his names and got to Ohio as he had often been there before.

He went to Columbus to amuse himself with legislation, and there he met the Hon. Tom Corwin. I do not remember the date when he was in Cleveland.

Tom said: "Is Dr. Graham here?"

"He is gone alone," said Tom.

"Give my love to the family, and especially to Miss Ella, when you go back," said Tom.

"I am not going back, sir; I am running away."

"What do you mean, doctor?"

"He never so forgot himself," said Tom.

"Did you get into any trouble?"

"I know how to take care of myself," said Tom.

"Didn't give you enough to eat or wear?"

"Pierce caught a bad cold from his shaving brush and consulted a gold watch, but never deigned to reply," said Tom.

Said the Hon. Tom Corwin, solemnly: "Don't you know, you misguided man, that the shaving brush is a dangerous thing?"

"You had a razor, didn't you?"

"I was not allowed to use it," said Tom.

"What man would you be just to say with another razor?"

"I was not allowed to use it," said Tom.

"Pierce replied gravely: 'Now Tom, that situation, with all its advantages, are open to you if you like to go and fill it.'"

The bystanders roared and Tom started, and suddenly remembered business in the State-house. It was the only time in his life that he had no reply to give. [New York Star.]

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

And candidates for baptism may have information as to health or age, are sometimes asked by their friends, and Baptists, that it would be very dangerous for them to be immersed.

They have gone forward in duty, however, they have, almost without exception, found the observance of the ordinance of Christ beneficial to their health, as well as joyous and refreshing to their spiritual health.

The London Baptist mentions a recent case at New Castle-on-Tyne: "She is sixty-six years of age, and has been twice afflicted with stroke of paralysis. For some time she has been in better health, and wishing to join the church here, she consulted her medical man, and he at once said that it would kill her. Feeling it to be her duty, however, she went forward, and was baptized, and the service killing her, she is now as well as possible, feeling, as she says, all the better since being baptized." [Christian Secretary.]

A CLEVER MONKEY.

A French cook so trained a monkey as to make him useful in plucking his poultry and winged game for the table.

The monkey was one day following his occupation at the open window of the back kitchen, and had just plucked one of a brace of partridges, when a hawk pounced upon it and carried it off. The monkey was much frightened, and knowing the looking that awaited him, he went to the door and called out: "Never despair, however was his motto. He picked up his courage and the remaining partridge, and laid the bird in the window."

The hawk, pleased with the feat, returned for another tit-bit, when the monkey, plucked him alive, and laid him and the partridge down before the cook, and with a gesture stronger than language, seem to say, "He's all right; there's your brace of birds—a fair exchange is no robbery."

What is called the Dutch way with rats, is this: A number of rats are left to themselves in a very large trap or cage, with no food whatever. Their craving hunger will cause them to fight, and the weakest will be eaten by the strongest. After a short time the fight is renewed, and the next weakest is the victim, and so it goes until all the rats are dead.

When this has been done, the rat that remains is the strongest, and is the one that is to be eaten.

An Irishman, seeing a man playing the bagpipes at Cincinnati, remarked to a luck at him: "You tickle the front door of the frame house with his fingers, as if he was to do the thing square! Howly murder!"

The Sheep's Sense of Hearing.

It is said that no acetic is the sheep's sense of hearing that she can distinguish the cry of her own flock from that of any other. A shepherd, therefore, when he is in the midst of a large flock, James Hogg, who was a shepherd as well as a poet, tells us that, if you very softly whisper to the sheep and lambs during the shearing season. While the sheep were being shorn the lambs would be put into a fold by themselves, and the former would be sent to join their little ones as soon as the operation of shearing was over. The shepherd would then hear his mother's voice, and would then be sent to join their little ones as soon as the operation of shearing was over.

How to Tell.

REVEAL SICKNESS, LIVER REGULATOR OR MEDICINE.

Look for these words: WHITE WRAPPED with red seal, and the name of the medicine is on the wrapper.

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Black Hills and the West.

The strangest of strange accidents, and one which might have led to grave results, happened at the residence of C. H. Flinn, near Houston, last Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Flinn, who were but lately married, were awakened by a noise which they thought came from under the bed. Supposing burglars to be the cause, Mr. Flinn hurriedly jumped from bed, got a shotgun, and returned. Mrs. Flinn, all excitement, was just rising, and her right foot hung over the bed side. Mr. Flinn, supposing the moving foot to be the head of the intruder, who was coming from his place of concealment, without any ado or hesitation, fired. The wife screamed, and the husband flew about in a delirium. A light was brought, and Mr. Flinn discovered that he had shot his wife instead of a burglar. Meanwhile the bed-clothing caught fire from the discharge of the gun, and was soon ablaze, but was quickly extinguished. Mrs. Flinn had a large part of her foot torn away, and was bleeding profusely. It was first thought that amputation of the whole foot would be necessary, but it was afterward found that three toes and a portion of the side of the foot would suffice. It was ascertained that no burglar was in the house at all. [St. Louis Journal.]

A Human Skeleton Inside of a Horse.

A miner in the Black Hills, writing to a friend in this city, tells a horrible reminder of the fearful snow-storms of last winter, and of the perils of those who were caught out and lost their way on the plains. He says recently, while he and two others were crossing the country, they came upon the skeleton of a horse, within which was the skeleton of a man, with the grinning skull looking out at them between the ribs of the animal, like a prisoner peering through the bars of his cell. The two skeletons told the story. The man had killed his horse, cut him open and crawled inside of him, thinking to thus escape perishing of cold, but the flesh of the animal froze solid, and the man was now as much of a prisoner as if he had been shut in by walls of iron. The wolves and carrion birds had stripped the greater part of the flesh from both skeletons. The miner concludes his description by saying: "It was a sight I shall never forget. I can see it now whenever I close my eyes." [Virginia City Enterprise.]

CONFIDENT—A lively pupil at a Seminary, asked the preceptress for permission to drive out with a gentleman.

"You know the regulations of the institution," was the answer. "Is he your father?" "No." "Is he your brother?" "No." "Are you engaged to him?" "No, but I expect to be before I get back." That answer carried the day.